

Historical Figure—Biographical Research Paper

Introduction:

You will be writing a 3-4 page research paper on a specific person in history who has persevered through adversity. This is a research paper so you will be required to cite your sources throughout your paper and include a Works Cited page (not part of the 3-4 page requirement).

You are looking to examine how adversity (challenges) had a positive effect on the individual.

Requirements:

- Your introduction should have brief biographical information ending with a thesis.
- Your thesis should prove something about your historical figure. You want to demonstrate how the challenges led the individual to be who he or she is.
- Examine at least three challenges/events from the individual's life.
- This is where your thesis comes into play. You will prove your thesis by using resources/facts from books and the web.

Other Requirements:

- At least FOUR sources must be used.
- At least TWO sources must be books.
- At least TWO different sources need to be used in each body paragraph.
- Only one source can be a website. (This does not mean you cannot find other sources, journals, articles, essays, online.)
- You cannot use Wikipedia as a source but you can use it to find other sources.

Citing Sources:

- You must cite your sources throughout your research paper. Whether you are directly quoting or summarizing someone else's knowledge/information, you must acknowledge the information came from someone else.
- You must cite your sources in MLA format.
- You must have a Works Cited page at the end of your essay.

Essay Rubric and Due Dates:

Outline Due 1/14
10 Points
Must be detailed and have sources cited
Can be typed or handwritten

Rough Draft Due 1/21
10 Points
Must be complete and typed

Final Draft Due 1/27

Ideas 10
Conventions 10
Organization 10
Sentence Fluency 10
MLA/Citations 10